

## **Did Noah Have Flood Insurance?**

Flood insurance signifies the special insurance coverage against loss of private possession from a deluge. Some property owners cannot obtain flood insurance due to the location of their land which is susceptible to flooding.

Did Noah have flood insurance? NOoah he did not, because he was so busy building the ark his policy lapsed due to non-payment. In a sense Noah did have flood insurance. His flood insurance did not cover his home, property, etc. Yet it did cover his life and the lives of his family and their souls.

Noah did not have to pay premiums on his flood insurance. It was all covered by God's grace. *"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord"* (Gen 6:8). This did not mean Noah was just singled out by a God who was a respecter of persons. *"Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God"* (Gen. 6:9). Neither did Noah have to do nothing with regard to maintaining his flood insurance policy. God told him he had to build an ark. God gave him a specific blueprint to follow during the ark's construction. Noah demonstrated complete obedience to God in the building of the ark. *"Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did"* (Gen. 6:22). Grace was God's part in saving Noah. Faith was Noah's obligation. *"By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith"* (Hebrews 11:7). This was an obedient, active faith. It was a faith based on evidence not seen (Heb. 11:1). At this time in history it had never rained.

While the ark was being prepared Noah was also busy as *"a preacher of righteousness"* (2 Peter 2:5). It is one thing to obey God and be righteous and to be a good example, but he preached for 120 years. (And you thought my sermons were long). Noah had to preach with boldness because in all likelihood his preaching met with opposition. He might have heard: "Noah, your out of your mind. The sun came up and has set every day. If it ever does flood I'll get in my boat which is just as good as the ark. We are not so bad that God would destroy us all with water. After all it has never rained before. And you have been saying this for 120 years and I haven't seen one drop of water fall from the ...[splat]..."

God destroyed the world of Noah's day with a great flood that covered the whole earth and killed every living land dwelling creature not saved on the ark. Afterward God promised to never destroy the earth in such a manner again. Yet God has promised at His appointed time in the future to destroy the world once for all time with fire. *"By the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men"* (2 Peter 3:5-7).

All men and women living today may not need flood insurance like Noah, but every one of us needs fire insurance. The fact of Christ returning with fire is certain. *"When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting*

*destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power"* (2 Thess. 1:7-9). However, the exact time of His coming is uncertain. *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be"* (Matthew 24:35-39). Paul claims He will return as unexpectedly as a thief comes in the night. *"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape"* (1 Thess. 5:1-3).

God is patient. He wants everyone to have fire insurance just as He wanted Noah's generation to have flood insurance. *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9). The policy is provided by the grace of God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Just as Noah's flood insurance policy required his active, obedient faith, so our fire insurance policy requires us to do our part. When Jesus does come again it will be with flaming fire upon *"those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (2 Thess. 1:8). To escape the vengeance of God one must know God and obey the Gospel. *"When He comes, in that Day, to be*

glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed" (2 Thess. 1:10).

Since no one knows when Christ will return with flaming fire, it is wise to be prepared by keeping a constant watch with prayer. Jesus said, "watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matt. 25:13). Remember that it was not raining when Noah started to build the ark - so be prepared no matter what the weather looks like, and don't miss the boat.

Salvation by grace does not permit the saint to live any way he desires to live. Christians must live a life of holy conduct before the world or be judged by God with the world. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?" (2 Peter 3:10-12).

Although Noah preached for 120 years no one else was saved except his wife, three sons, and their wives. Perhaps, if some would have listened to his sermons they would have repented of their sins and also have been saved. Those who do not repent of sin are warned of coming Hell fire. "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

Only those who remain faithful until

death have the hope of eternal life and escaping the fires of hell in the second death. "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6).

It is too late to get flood insurance when the dam breaks. It is too late to get fire insurance when the Lord comes again. The last trump is a fire alarm warning the wicked it is too late. Since time is running out for all of mankind, it is wise to make sure you have a genuine Fire Insurance policy from the Lord and make sure it is up to date.

"The Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 3:20,21). Notice water is involved in both flood and fire insurance policies. Have you been baptized into Christ? Do you have a Fire Insurance policy?

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Bible Study.....9:30 am

Worship Service.....10:30 am

Worship Service.....5:00 pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:30 pm

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